

be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other livestock in the respective counties, according to the procedures set out in A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER § 11-508 of this subtitle.

[(3)](C) [In the event] IF A COUNTY ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE UNDER § 11-508 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND there are insufficient funds for the payment of all damages the damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented[, and any]. ANY person [or persons] whose [claims are] CLAIM IS not paid in any one year by reason of the lack of money [to the credit of the fund, which is to be designated "the dog license fund",] AVAILABLE TO SATISFY CLAIMS shall be paid out of the first money [coming into the fund after his] THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE AFTER THE claim is reached[, and]. CLAIMS shall be paid in the order in which the claims are proved and filed[, and any]. ANY claims now filed and passed upon, but remaining unpaid, shall have preference over any new claims in the order of payment.

[(4)](D) The [county commissioners of the several counties] GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY may expend any funds in excess of \$1,000 remaining in [the hands of the treasurer or the tax collecting officer] A DOG LICENSE FUND after the payment of the claims for any public purpose which; in [their] THE GOVERNING BODY'S judgment may seem right and proper[, and, whenever in their judgment it may become necessary to do so,]. THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY may enter into a contract or agreement with [the persons they may deem] ANY PERSON CONSIDERED suitable, for the removal, care and disposition of unlicensed dogs, or licensed dogs which may create a menace to the safety, security and property of the residents of the [counties] COUNTY, on the terms and conditions and for the compensation that may be agreed to by the county [commissioners] GOVERNING BODY and the [persons] PERSON.

[(b) This section does not apply in Washington County.

(c) The provisions of this section dealing with the maintenance of a separate fund designated "the dog license fund" are not applicable to Harford and Allegany Counties.

(d) In Harford County, Howard County, and Allegany County all moneys collected and all claims paid shall be from general funds of the county.

(e) In Calvert County all funds derived from the issuance of licenses and all funds received in the form of fees from the seizure and impounding of dogs shall be remitted to the county treasurer not less than once each month and shall be a part of the general funds of the county.

(f) In Baltimore County, all moneys collected may be deposited in the general funds of Baltimore County and all claims paid may be from general funds of the county.]

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(a) (1) [Except in Carroll County, if any person has any sheep, poultry, or livestock destroyed or injured in a county by a dog or dogs, the person may apply to the sheriff or the designated official of the county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages sustained by the person. In Carroll County, the sheriff or the designated official of the county shall appoint a deputy sheriff of the county or an animal control officer as the appraiser.